PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT RE: MAINTAINING THE DIGNITY AND THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE.

PRESIDENT: Order. Order. Fellow members of the Legislature, I think I owe it to myself and to this honourable House before going to the next business of the meeting to apologise to this honourable House and to the member to whom I addressed very harsh remarks for having lost my temper, a phenomenon, which I flatter myself very rarely happens, If I lost my temper on that occasion, it was because I am very jealous and solicitous of the dignity, the honour, the privileges and the future of this House. In order to sustain the dignity and to maintain the privileges of this House, the debates in this House, the interpellations addressed to this House and to the Government must be such as will have subserved public interests and public interests alone. To the extent to which the President of the House, to the extent to which honourable members of the House are actuated or seem to be actuated or lend themselves to the suspicion of being actuated by anything other than the ultimate and the supreme interests of the country at large without reference to personalities, to that extent we shall fall short of those high standards which, I am proud to acknowledge, this House has maintained and which I trust it will maintain. I am sorry that I lost my temper; but I have stated my reason and my justification.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: പ്രസിഡൻറ് ഈ സഭയെ എങ്ങനെ ബഹുമാനിക്കണം എന്ന പറയുന്നവോ അതുപോലെ ബഹുമാനിക്കുന്നവരാണ് ഞങ്ങളെല്ലാം. അങ്ങ് പ്രസ്താവിച്ചതുപോലെയും ആശിക്കുന്നതുപോലെയും ഏറ്റവും മാതൃകാപരമായി സഭാനടപടികൾ നടക്കുന്നു എന്നും എനിക്കറിയാം. എന്നാൽ എന്റെ ചോദ്യം മലയാളത്തിൽ ആയിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് ഞാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ച അർത്ഥം അതിന്റെ യഥാർത്ഥരൂപത്തിൽ അങ്ങ് ധരിച്ചുവോ എന്നു് എനിക്കു നിശ്ചയമില്ല.

PRESIDENT: I flatter myself that though I am not able to talk Malayalam, I am at least as good as 90 per cent. of the people in this House in understanding not only the outward and overt expressions of the Malayalam language but the inner meanings and the innuendoes and the possibilities of suggestion of the Malayalam language.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: സർ, അങ്ങയെ ദോഷാകുലനാക്കിയതു് ഒരു ചോദ്യമാണെന്നാണ് എന്റെ വിശ്വാസം. ഇതു് ഒരു കമ്മേഴ്യൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറാണ്. അപ്പോൾ ലാഭം ഉണ്ടാക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതായിരിക്കണം ആ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റെ ലക്ഷ്യം. ആ നിലക്ക് ലാഭം ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന വഴികളെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിക്കുകയും പഠിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യേണ്ടിയിരുന്നില്ലേഎന്നായിരുന്നു എന്റെ ചോദ്യം. അതു തെറ്റിപ്പോയി എങ്കിൽ ഞാൻ അങ്ങയോടു ക്ഷമായാചനം ചെയ്തുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

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PRESIDENT: Order, order. I would be the last person standing in this place and sitting in this place for relaxing the severity of criticism against any officer whether he belongs to a commercial department or not. I am also at one with the honourable member when he says that the utmost jealousy and the utmost scrutiny are essential, especially when a department sets out to make a profit and does not do so, or is supposed not to do so. But it is possible to strike hard without striking below the belt.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

Order, order. I have received notice of a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House from Mr. P. Kunjukrishnan. It says—

> "I beg leave that the business of this House be adjourned to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, *viz.*, the serious situation created by the yarn merchants of Quilon and Trivandrum having recently and publicly stopped sales of yarn to the weavers with a view to circumvent the orders of Government and causing thereby the business of weaving to come to a standstill and thousands of people to be thrown out of work, the orders of Government referred to being the recent Government order dated 31-11-1116 issued in exercise of the powers under Rule 81 of the Defence of Travancore Rules, fixing the maximum price for sales of the different varieties of cotton yarn in Trivandrum, Quilon and the mofussil stations for a period of three months."

I have no doubt that the matter is urgent. I have no doubt that the matter is of public importance. If the honourable member, after listening to what I shall have to say, wants to discuss this by way of an adjournment motion, I shall feel it my duty to allow it. But the position may be explained thus.

It is probably well-known that one of our main sources of yarn supply is Messrs. Harvey's Mills at Madura. The Managing Director of these mills, Mr. Doak is a very good personal friend of mine; and at my instance he has given special orders and instructions for the purpose of helping Travancore. He has further appointed agents to whom, under various contracts and stipulations entered into by that firm, yarn has to be supplied, of certain quantities and certain rates. It was with special advertence to these circumstances that I arranged for an interview with Mr. Doak not many days ago, and I pointed out to him that it was necessary that the distribution of yarn and the fixation of prices of yarn should be such as would not be prejudicial to the best interests of Travancore. I am glad to say that with characteristic discernment he acceded to my wishes and is endeavouring to co-operate with the Travancore Government. I have heard allegations similar to those underlying the present adjournment motion. Those allegations in essence amounted to this—that certain agents or sub-agents, taking advantage of their stocks of yarn or rather taking advantage of their contracts with Messrs. Harvey's to buy yarn, have entered into contracts for sale from Madura of that yarn to people outside Travancore. That would be an undoubtedly mischievous vasion of the Government's intentions. If Government, after due

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